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HOW IS THIS?

They are even talking of adopting the Oregon assessment and taxation law in Washington. In great alarm an editor informs his readers that the assessment rolls of several counties in the state of Washington, some of which have two and three national banks and numerous rich men, fail to return a dollar of money, while others return the pitiful sum of a thousand dollars or so.

Ye gods! What a state of affairs!! The intelligent editor proceedeth:

This is how it is in Washington. They will not allow a man to have his debts deducted from his assessment and thus the creditor escapes detection, and can conceal his credits with impunity. In this regard the Oregon law is fairer and better in every way. The taxpayer is allowed to deduct his bona fide debts within the state by submitting to the assessor the names of the creditors.

Through this means tens of thousands of dollars, under the head of "money, notes and accounts," are yearly added to the assessment roll that would undoubtedly be concealed but for the fear of detection. No such fear exists in Washington and the adoption of the Oregon system, bad as it is in many other respects, would, to a large extent, remedy the evil complained of.

It seems Oregon has a better system of assessment, than, than that heaven of tax-dodgers collect in Washington.

OUR SYSTEM.

There are so many arguments in favor of having all the street car lines in a city under one management that it seems needless to discuss or illustrate them. All the arguments apply so especially to Salem that the owners of the two systems should get together and come to an agreement if possible.

Under our system the maintenance of a line on Center street, the building of a line on Ferry street or operation of the line on State street, the operation of two lines in the fair grounds, could all be saved.

And virtually dividing the same territory involve dead capital.

A strong street railway system that would be a good financial investment would be a better advertisement of Salem than two systems dividing the business. As fares can only be 5 cts. at the highest, and as a profitable line can better afford low rates than a poorly paying one, the public interest is altogether in favor of consolidating the companies. The lines at Portland and other cities are all being united under one system. It should be done in Salem if possible.

WATER COMPETITION.

It is an axiom of commerce that water competition has a great effect in regulating freight charges. Speaking of the two boats put on the Columbia to break down the Union Pacific monopoly The Dalles Chronicle says: "It appears evident that to encounter a war of opposition from the Union Pacific company that means, so far as the manifestation of the company is concerned, a war of extermination. The company is purchasing nearly all the wheat arriving in this market through its Moody agency, at prices that no middleman can afford to give and rather than let the Regulator get any of it the road will carry it for nothing. Now the passenger rate has been reduced to fifty cents to Portland, and the freight rates will undoubtedly soon be cut. This will be of great benefit to the farmers, who will reap all the profit."

It also says that for half a cent a bushel the farmers will haul all their wheat to the U. P. line and leave the people's boat line to rot without business.

THE MEUSDORFFER ACT.

This famous free bridge act is making interested parties lots of trouble and its author lots of glory. Anyone who took the pains to go before the supreme court and see the array of legal lights at Salem to defeat the operation of this law, would not wonder at the interest that is taken in the subject all over the state. The ferry companies, the old bridge companies, the city and the world at large are all arrayed against the Meusdorffer act, and against free bridges. This makes the author of the free bridge act the hero of the hour. For no one can say Mr. Meusdorffer was not disinterestedly for the people in his measure. No one pretends that the opponents of the measure are anything but interested parties. Morally Mr. Meusdorffer towers up as a colossal friend of the masses, and whether his act is sustained or not by the court its author will not be

forgotten. He is on record as a true friend of the people in this matter. It is surprising that the present city government of Portland is standing in with the interested parties. A correspondent has well said that the Meusdorffer free-bridge commission is manfully battling to save the power conferred on the city through them, and if the supreme court is induced to declare the act invalid, the city will have the satisfaction of knowing, along with the bridge and ferry interest, that it is assisted in the great and glorious work of knocking out the free-bridge bill. THE JOURNAL feels proud of Mr. Meusdorffer's efforts for the people. It feels proud of him as a gallant German Republican.

POLICY OF SUCCESS FOR A CITY.

The action of the Portland chamber of commerce in favoring the Washington side for the portage road, we firmly believe, inimical to the best interests of Portland and the state of Oregon. For many years the metropolis of Oregon has pursued a policy which has been actuated by the most selfish interests, and opposed the development of other portions of the state.—The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

Is not a policy "actuated by the most selfish interests" the secret of Portland's success? Unselfishness may be all right in secret societies, religious bodies, or when it comes to holding down a claim in a cemetery; but unselfishness is an unknown quantity in commercial relations, that exists only in the mind of utopian theorists as something to propose for others.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

Every corrupt Democratic paper in Oregon is a whooper-up for Hermaun.

Yamhill county claims products that will round up \$3,000,000 in coin this year.

A fine new Campbellite church is receiving the last stroke of the painter's brush at Halsey.

Roseburg will expend \$20,000 for sewers and The Review wants it all paid out for laborers that reside at that town.

A Douglas county paper says mining must become the leading industry. In Marion county fruit will take the lead.

of Postoffice... be independent has a trunk line railway to the Willamette valley.

Baker City's last budget shows liabilities \$100,577.22, assets \$90,732.16. In this is included the water works at an estimated value of \$70,000.

In Eastern Oregon the coyote keeps up the price of eggs and chickens and many counties pay a liberal bounty for his extinction.

The Baker City Blade says that the recorder, sheriff, and clerk cost Baker county \$30,845.43. This does not include fees of first two named.

No one can blame the newspaper men if Oregon does not become a world beater. The Junction City Times is good enough for a town of two thousand.

Aiderman Johnson as the head of the board of public works will have a delicate task supervising the paying ordinance he voted against. But he can do it.

The canvass going on in Ohio between McKinley and Campbell can hardly be compared to the debates between Lincoln and Douglas in anti-bellum days.

Senator Fulton, of Astoria, is of the opinion that the county commissioners court can under sec. 2781 of the code correct assessments and sit as a board of equalization.

The county court has had the roof and gutters of the court house put in order to keep out the winter rains. Now, if only all the gentlemen in the building could be sure to get in out of the wet too—the wet of '92.

When the Oregon Democrats have a senatorship to dispose of they call in the coupon clipper Barney Goldsmith, and not the horny-handed anti-monopolist and enemy of national banks.

Volapuk, the universal language is not only comprehensive to persons of any civilized race but a whole sentence is sometimes compressed into a single word. Thus, "The young lady with pouting lips" in Volapuk is translated by "smak-ber."

It sounds very well that get attorney of Wall street, Grover Cleveland, to refer to a protective tariff as "a scheme perpetrated for the purpose of exacting tribute from the poor for the benefit of the rich." Much does he and his crowd of associates care for the poor!

The Review, speaking of the sheriff pulling the gamblers at a balloon ascension adds: "Why didn't the sheriff take a pull at the resident gamblers, who tried to win the

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fakers' money, as well as the strangers who worked to fleece the citizens?"

Wheat is worth 11 cents per hundred more at Tacoma than at Portland, and 17 cents per cental more at San Francisco. Would this be the case if the Columbia were open to the sea?

Baker City has voted \$5000 for a High school. One noticeable feature of the day was the number of lady taxpayers at the polls, there being some fifty in number, and it is stated that with hardly an exception the lady voters cast their vote in opposition to the school tax. The stand the ladies took was that the High school department should be self-sustaining and not made a burden on the tax payers.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The losses by the fire late Tuesday night in Brooklyn was only \$65,000.

The Eastern Texas compass burned at Greenville, Tex., Wednesday, entailing a loss of \$230,000.

The loss on the Minneapolis warehouse of Bartwell Robinson & Co., sash, door and blind manufacturers, which burned Wednesday morning is \$100,000; insurance about half.

The run which started Tuesday on Yonkers, N. Y., savings bank, ended before noon Wednesday without any serious inconvenience to the bank.

The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance Wednesday was £50,000 for shipment to America.

The failure of W. B. Allan & Co., the wellknown English book publishers for \$180,000 is announced. The house is a century old and is represented in New York.

Carmen Silva the queen of Roumania, is arranging for her return to Bucharest next week. She is considerably improved in health.

International Federation, the donations for the week were announced to be £175. It was stated that twenty-five new branches of the federation had been established.

The Hon. D. Sheehy, the McCarthyite member of parliament for Galway, declares that John Redmond will stand for Cork in the hope of finding a "fire escape," knowing that he would fall of an election in Wexford.

In a collision near Brandon and Kearney, Manitoba, Tuesday night, between two freight trains, James Bell, a Brandon contractor, and J. Joll, a builder, who were riding in the caboose, were instantly killed.

A serious railway accident is reported from Lyons, France. The heavy rains loosened an embankment supporting the roadbed, and a train was thrown off the track. The driver and stoker were killed and three passengers injured.

A report of a rather startling nature is about to be issued by the department of agriculture on the adulteration of coffee and tea. The former appears now to be chiefly sophisticated by the substitution of the real beans of artificial ones molded from compositions made of clay, condensed milk and other materials. Secretary Rusk will urge the importance of excluding these and other imitations from importation to this country by the passage of a law shutting out articles palpably intended for the falsification of food. The beans are manufactured by the wholesale in Germany and sold here at 10 cents a pound. From Utrecht also are now coming large quantities of artificial almonds, made of glucose paste. They are shaped and colored by machines, being finally steeped in nitro-benzole to give the necessary color. The deception is so perfect that when mixed with the real article, the counterfeiters are scarcely to be discovered. Of course, they are ready shelled. There are many factories in the United States, particularly in Connecticut, which are wholly engaged in the production of adulterants for sale to various trades, such as ground cocoon shells for mixing with pepper. It is estimated that there is hardly any pepper on the market at present which is not at least three-fourths something else. The manufacture of such articles intended for the express purpose of swindling consumers, often to the injury of their health, is unrestrained by any legal enactment. In fact, the sophistication of foods has come to be regarded as a part of legitimate business.

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MISCELLANY.

A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Thirty-eight years ago an American naval officer, commanding a small sloop-of-war at anchor in the harbor of Smyrna, grimly defied an Austrian fleet to remove from his vessel Koszta, a Hungarian refugee, whose only claim for American protection rested on the fact that he had declared his intention of becoming a citizen of this country. The episode came perilous near invoking two nations in war, for there is not the slightest doubt that Commodore Ingraham would have made good his threat to open fire if Koszta had not been released. The Commodore's action was sustained by the Government and Congress gave him a vote of thanks for the manner in which he had defended the rights of a man who was considered entitled to American protection simply because he had declared his intention of becoming an American citizen.

General O'Beirne, the Acting Superintendent of Immigration at this port, probably did not read them, or else it would not now be necessary for him to explain why Michael McDonald, who has declared his intention of becoming an American citizen, and moreover has been ten years a resident in this country, is not allowed to come into the land of his adoption. Of all the General's queer performances this last is the most remarkable. The man McDonald came to this country ten years ago, married and settled down. Besides his wife, he

in the city. He is a Welshman by birth, and a year ago returned to his native land. His declaration of intention to become a citizen, he claims, he left with his wife when he sailed away. When the Teutonic arrived last week he was landed as a stowaway passenger from that vessel. He has been kept a prisoner in the Large Office ever since, and there he will probably remain until the slow-moving intellect of the acting chief of that establishment has a moment of lucidity.

When seen by a reporter yesterday McDonald gave his wife's address as 411 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street. He said that he had written informing her of his detention but has received no reply and supposed that she had moved during his absence. He said that he had a sister-in-law on Twenty-sixth street and was confident that he could find his family if he could get an opportunity of trying. He gave his age to the registry clerk as 48, but he looks much older. He is in a great state of perturbation, which can be readily understood when the circumstances are considered. He is detained pending the production of a bondsman who will guarantee that he will not become a public charge.

In the meantime it would be interesting to know what O'Beirne considers that the man is. He has renounced his allegiance to Great Britain, and, according to O'Beirne, has no claim on the United States. Whom does he belong to? Is he a man without a country? There are some precedents which are contrary to O'Beirne's decision, but the General apparently has no use for them and prefers to make his own. Nor does it appear to be of any consequence to him that the new immigration law does not contemplate the separation of families, even in its most rigid enforcement. Viewed in all its lights the case can best be characterized as an outrage. The man is not penniless, for he said he was willing to deposit \$25 with the General as a guarantee that he would return if he was only allowed two or three hours to look for his family.

WIFE OR WIDOW.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Thomas Coady of New Rochelle, N. Y., started for California accompanied by Lawyer Marshall of Mount Vernon, to file a claim against the estate of the late John Coady, who died in Las Vegas three years ago, leaving a fortune estimated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Coady was a bachelor, and his only living relative was his brother, Thomas Coady, who was married in 1859 and had two children, but it is not known whether Thomas Coady, is